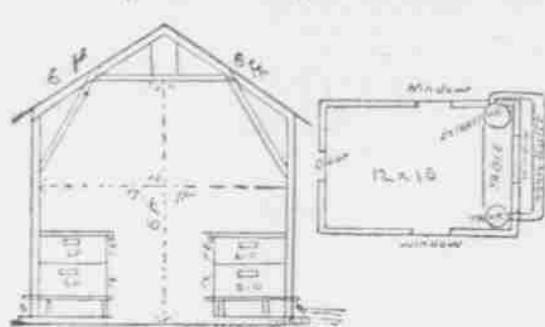


AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

EXTRACTING HONEY.

It is Some Trouble to Secure It, But Additional Profits Pay for the Extra Work.

I got my early instructions in California in 1875. My first lesson was that a lazy man would make lazy bees and know that to be so. I prefer to make extracted honey as there is more profit in it. The bees that will make 100 pounds of comb honey will make 250 to 400 pounds of extracted honey if properly attended to. The railroads charge twice as much freight on comb honey as they do for extracted and the dead weight is about double. In California I have shipped 13 1/2 tons from 25 stands and their increase in one season, and I did not use my method of rapid increase, but could not do



FARM HONEY HOUSE.

half that in Arizona. Everything here has small leaves and small flowers except plants whose roots can reach water, so the bees have to go to so many more flowers to get their load that a strong stand will take three weeks to fill up as much as they would do in California in one week. Last season I took out 6,500 pounds from 54 stands which is about double what my neighbors got and they thought they did very well. I use sheds and would not more think of working bees without a shed than I would think of cooking out of doors. I have tried both and I know the difference, of course it can be done so can the cooking be done. I send you a sketch of my shed and dimensions. I set them due north and south with honey house at the south end. The honey house is 12x16 with door at north end. I set my uncaping table at south end and extractor southeast corner and run the house into a sluice running south 3 feet to a main sluice running west 9 inches wide, 2 1/2 deep lined with tin and covered with glass and 12 feet long, width of the house, then turn 3 feet north to house so the main sluice is not shaded by the building, just outside is a trap, an oil can out off to 8 inches deep with a division plate extending down to within half an inch of the bottom. The can is soldered to the sluice so the top is even with the sides. In the morning I raise the glass, push it back and take out a little cake of wax and any bees, flies ants or any thing that had got into the extractor is stuck fast and put in the sun strainer. Nothing but perfectly pure honey can pass under the plate and rise 3 inches to the spout that goes into tank inside the house.—E. W. Sinclair, in Agricultural Epitomist.

TREATMENT FOR LICE.

To Keep Poultry Free from Vermin Is as Essential to Success as Good Feeding.

While the food is important, it is not any more so than taking care to keep the poultry free from vermin. This is not a hard task if taken in time. Any of the lice killers used judiciously around the nests will kill the lice on the hens, but be careful not to use them too freely. Years ago I killed some very fine turkey hens by using too much. If you have neglected to treat for lice before she hatched, take the mother when she is through and thoroughly dust her with insect powder. Give her a chance to shake the powder well out of her feathers before giving her the poult, for all vermin powder injures the eyes of little ones if it gets into them. If the weather is dry and warm take each poult and rub under the throat a little thick cream, and if the wing feathers have started out well, rub them also, and put the poult back under the hen until thoroughly dry. Now, don't put much on each part. Don't grease with anything else if you have the cream, and that must be thick. If you have none, then a very little pure lard will do. Don't mix with carbolic acid or anything else. A few moth balls in the roosting places is as good as anything to keep vermin down after you once get rid of them. Little turkeys must be kept dry until they are well feathered. After the wheat is harvested they will take care of themselves, but they should roost near the house, if they roost out one night something may catch them.—Mrs. B. G. Mackey, in Reliable Poultry Journal.

Get Rid of the Males.

From the last of July to the middle of January a flock of hens do much better without males among them, and will continue to lay. They are generally quieter, and ramble over the fields less, while they also have more room and are better contented. Some people make a practice of saving all the eggs laid during September and October to put down in brine or some other preservative to keep for use when the snow flies. If they are carefully handled, stood or the small end, and kept in a cool place, they will keep several weeks without any pickle or preserving.—Farm and Fireside.

Cuba's Farming Resources.
The Cuban Agriculturist in exploiting the resources of Cuba and adjacent islands claims that poultry and bees can be grown successfully in connection with coffee, and says the former breeds so nicely and healthy on the dry leaves under the coffee shrubs, picking up cockroaches and other obnoxious insects, that their multiplication is very cheap and their sustenance very cheap. The bee finds in the coffee flower an abundant supply of honey.

HOW CORN ROOTS GROW.

Study of the Subject Proves That All Fertilization Should Be Through the Surface Soil.

It is by looking closely, and so reaching all the facts—in short, getting a scientific knowledge—that we make real progress in agriculture, as, indeed, in almost everything relating to nature. On the subject of the roots of corn a writer in Up-to-Date evinces such a careful examination as we have indicated. He directs attention to the fine thread-like roots near the surface, as near as they can find both heat and a moist soil. These roots, he says, spread out horizontally and are almost certain to be destroyed or pruned by the cultivator's shovels. As the plant develops and has more need for food a second set of horizontal roots are formed, larger than the others. These are the main feed roots of the plant, and in loose soil they grow five to seven feet long. If the condition of soil will permit, these roots will develop at such a depth below the surface as to be safe from the cultivator's shovels, but as they branch out into numerous fine fibrous roots they actually fill the fine, cultivated soil to draw food from every particle, and only shallow cultivation will prevent injury to them.

Besides the two sets of horizontal roots as described, there are usually two or more sets, beginning at or near the base of the stalk as brace roots and go straight down into the subsoil. They have been traced as deep as four feet. These vertical roots have few fibrous roots attached, but serve an important end in being able to bring moisture from the deep soil, late in the season, when droughts are likely to prevail.

As will be seen the roots of the corn plant develop as the top grows; also an understanding of the root development suggests the method of fertilization which should be through all the surface soil, and not in the hill nor in the row only. The cultivation should be done so as not to interfere with the roots that want to occupy the ground prepared for them, yet at the same time prevent evaporation of the moisture by maintaining a surface mulch of fine earth, by frequent shallow cultivation.

PIPE IRON TRELLIS.

Neat, Low in Cost, Very Durable, and Does Not Harbor Insects and Parasites.

Pole trellises of second-hand pipe and boiler tubing have given satisfaction here, being easily set up, neat, low cost and apparently very durable. The pipe was bought of a house wrecking company at three to six cents per foot, sizes one to two inches across. They come in various lengths, but are used as nearly as possible in five to six-foot pieces, being driven two feet into the earth, which brings the top three or four feet above the surface. The arm is of wood two by eight inches by four feet. It is fastened to the pole by a six-inch piece of pipe passing through it through a hole in the middle of the arm and fitting into the top of the large pipe. The vines are cut back to two main branches each winter. The shoots which bear the fruit start each spring and are allowed to swing free, according to the principle of the Kniffin system, as in the illustration. The vines are cut back to four to six inches each year, new growth being substituted for the old arms at the same time. Vines so treated give a good crop, easily gathered and of very fine quality and appearance, and the training is less work than by almost any other method. Another advantage is that the vines may be cultivated in both directions with no wires to interfere. Iron posts, too, do not harbor insects and fungus growth.—Orange Judd Farmer.

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HINTS ABOUT HORSES.

Plaster scattered on the stable floor keeps down bad odors and purifies the air. Don't put your horse's feet in unskilled hands. Good feet are spoiled by bad shoeing.

Keep your horse feeling good by proper food and care and he will more than repay you for the little extra time you give him.

You can influence the shape of a colt's legs by keeping the feet trimmed in proper shape, the same as you can trim a growing twig.

Have your horse's teeth dressed occasionally. A little attention given to this will prevent a so-called "side driver" or "puller." It prevents sore mouth and assists mastication.

Tie your horse so that he can lie down comfortably at night. It is a practice with some groomers to tie a horse so he can't lie down, to save work in cleaning him the next morning.

Don't bring your horse in hot from a drive if you can help it; if you do, rub him thoroughly dry. A slow jog or walk for a short distance before unshoeing will cool him off quicker and save much work.—Green's Fruit Grower.

Correct Living Is an Art.

There is art in everything—even in living on the farm—according to a well-known speaker at a recent meeting of a Michigan farmers' club. The farmer needs to study well the art of living, for of all men he is so situated as to best take advantage of nature's aid in this direction. The speaker urged every farmer in the country to join a club, in which he could assist in promoting the social relations of his fellows and more thoroughly enjoy the relaxation and recreation to which he is entitled. This is a part of the "art of living" on the farm.—Chicago Daily Sun.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Theatrical Manager—"Why did you leave the last company you were with?" Comedian—"I had to have three meals a day."—Indianapolis News.

Hardhead—"Well, every man has a right to his opinion." Peppery—"Yes, but the trouble is he can't be made to realize that there may be a wrong to it."—Philadelphia Press.

"Oh, Mr. Writemuch, is everything you write original with you?" asked the giddy young thing of the literary lion. "I'm afraid not," replied the l. l. "every word I use may be found in the dictionary."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Roads—"What's the matter with that horse of yours? You can hear him breathe half a mile away." Streets—"There isn't a thing the matter with him. He just makes that noise because he thinks he's an automobile and is warning everything off his track."—Boston Transcript.

Taking all Precaution—"Now, be careful how you drive, cabby, and go slowly over the stones, for I hate to be shaken. And mind you pull up at the right house, and look out for those dreadful railway vans," said the nervous old gentleman. "Never fear, sir," said the cabby. "I'll do my best. And which hospital would you like to go in case of a accident?"—Star Stories.

"Why wasn't Eve afraid of the smallpox?" asked the girl given to conundrums. "Because she'd had 'em," he replied. "Oh, I bet you had heard it before," she said, almost angrily. "Never did," he replied. "I don't believe you. You never would have guessed the answer if you hadn't." "I tell you I never heard your conundrum before. The way it was asked of me was 'Why wasn't Eve afraid of the measles?'"—Indianapolis News.

BOW-LEGS ON THE INCREASE.

From the Following Account It Would Seem That Crooked Limbs Are Growing More Common.

"Bowlegs are certainly on the increase said a well known tailor, according to the New Orleans Times-Democrat, and while it makes no particular difference in my line of business we cannot help from noticing it. What special reason is to be assigned for the increase in bowlegs is a question I am not prepared to answer. But really it does not require the experience of a tailor to establish the fact that bowlegs are more numerous now than ever before. Of course, the tailor, because of the measurements he is required to make may notice the difference in his work more readily than the men who are engaged in other walks of life. We have to measure a man's leg when an order for a suit of clothes is left, and we naturally notice the size and shape of the legs.

"Some time ago my attention was directed to the matter by a man whose legs were just a little above the average when it comes to crookedness of this kind. I made up my mind that I could conduct a little study along this line. The results have surprised me. I have found that but very few men have straight legs—that is, legs that are normally straight. The surprising fact about the matter is that in a majority of instances a billiard ball may be dropped between the calves of the legs.

"Knock knees are not uncommon, but this affliction, if it may be called such, is increasing very largely a matter of inheritance. Bowlegs in some instances, may be accounted for in the same way, but in a majority of instances they owe their existence to other causes. No doubt the habit of pushing boys of tender years out into the industrial field has much to do with it. Boys are forced out now before the joints of the limbs are hardened, and they are required to carry heavy loads, and to do things which are calculated to produce the result I have been discussing.

"There is no doubt in my mind about this practice being an important factor in the development of bowlegs. Of course, there are more bowlegs now than ever before. You may have noticed it yourself. If you have not it is because your attention has not been called to it, for one may see them on the highway if one will but take the trouble to look. If the things keeps up the young man of the future will have to take a board with him when he goes courting, else—better never mind about that.

"Men, you know, I'm speaking of."

SOME NEW HEALTH RULES.

Sensible Suggestions Which Are Worth the Consideration of Hurriers and Worriers.

Every little while somebody publishes a list of health rules, the observance of which is guaranteed to stretch a man's life to the hundred mark, but somehow we keep on dying just the same, and I therefore wonder if the rules are as good as they should be. If not, how would these do? asks a writer in the New York Chronicle.

Take a drink whenever you want it, but you are a fool if you want one often.

Eat what you know will do your system the most good, irrespective of the real or imagined wishes of those around you.

Get a little air into your lungs and a little exercise in your legs, after a hearty dinner, and before going to bed.

Never smoke a cigar any longer than it tastes good to you, even if it did cost you 25 cents.

Never smoke on the endless chain plan, lighting a fresh cigar from the butt of its predecessor.

Go home and go to bed when you feel sleepy, even if you have to give the boys a pipe story about your wife being an invalid.

Get up in the morning when you have slept yourself out and not before.

Take a good dose of liver medicine when you feel that everybody in the world is wrong and you are right, and also when you feel that work was intended for slaves, and therefore not for you.

Use plenty of cool water inside and out every morning, and, above all things, don't chafe and fret about business matters after the sun goes down.

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Nice Moon, But Too High.

One that the men of Cincinnati's Wall street will appreciate has to do with James R. Keene and Washington E. Connor. It is an account of the almost total extinction of the great bears that a few years ago made Wall street trading place a place of great interest and excitement. Then Mr. Keene and Mr. Connor were two of the most noted bull baiters of the street. At one time Connor was the guest of Mr. Keene at the latter's country place. The two were walking over the fine grounds in the early evening admiring the beauties of the twilight scene and incidentally talking business. Suddenly Mr. Keene grasped his friend's arm, and pointing to the moon that was majestically soaring up into the heavens and mantling the earth in a silver sheen. "Beautiful moon rising there," said the host. "Yes," replied Mr. Connor, and then in a fit of abstraction added, "but it's too high, Keene; too high."

—N. Y. Cor. Cincinnati Enquirer.

Elbow Power.

"I tell you," said the doctor, "it's the man who can push himself along that succeeds best in this world."

"Not at all," replied the professor. "It's the man who can shove others out of his way that succeeds best."—St. Louis Republic.

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Couldn't Scare Her.

"Gur-r-r!" hissed the villain, "you will become my bride or I will hurl you over your precipice."

"She, the heroine, looked in the direction indicated by his swarthy forefinger.

"Huh! that's only a bluff," she returned, for she was up in topography as well as some other things.—Philadelphia Press.

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Scarcity of Game.—City Sportsman—"Have you seen anything worth shooting at around here?" Farmer—"Well, no; not till you came."—Somerville Journal.

HIS LIMIT OF LAZINESS.

This Man Named His Two Dogs "Cocoa," Because They Were Always Together.

"I never hear laziness discussed," said Frederick Kost, the artist, according to the New York Times, "but I think of old man Crawford, who used to keep an inn down on South beach, when the place was practically a wilderness, and a lot of his fellows were in the habit of running down there to sketch. He was without doubt the fellow most utterly devoid of energy it is possible to imagine. He wouldn't have breathed if he could have helped it."

"One of his sons, who had settled in New York, sent him two dachshund pups. I remember just how Crawford would sit sunning himself on the porch the whole day, with one of these dogs, like animated sausages, on each side of him. They were always by him, one to the left, the other to the right of his chair, when they were at rest."

"One day, as I sat talking to him, the dogs were romping in the house. Crawford turned and called: 'Here, Cocoa, Cocoa!' and the dachshunds came trotting out."

"What are their names, Crawford?" I asked, thinking I had misunderstood.

"Cocoa," replied Crawford.

"But there are two," I reminded him.

"One does for both," replied the old man. "They're always together—come and go at the same time. And, anyhow, I'm not going to worry myself into a decline by thinking up dogs' names."

HER VIEW OF WESTERNERS.

Spinster Thought They Were Too Forward, But the Men Didn't Bother Her Much.

"I think that the people of the west are exceedingly interesting, but I do not like their ways," said the spinster landlady, as she began her nightly attack with the carving knife on a leg of cold mutton, relates the New York Tribune.

"What don't you like about them?" asked her nephew, who sat next to her and often embarrassed the landlady by saying there was too much water in the soup.

"Why, I think they are too forward," said the woman with the knife, as she peeled off a thin slice for a hard working politician and officeholder, who often entertained the rest of the boarders by telling them of his campaign experiences.

"You met many westerners?" asked the politician, as he saw his almost empty plate set before him.

"I was out in California and the people out there entertained me almost to death. The women I met at noon asked as if they had known me their whole lives by two o'clock. They were altogether too forward. I didn't like it."

"But the men didn't bother you, aunty, did they?" piped up the nephew.

"Wordless Thoughts.

"Remember, my son," said the old man to his offspring, who was going forth into the world to do for himself and to do others, "that there are times when it is best to say 'wood' and say nothing."

"That's right, dad," replied the wise innocent. "If a fellow was to say what he thinks while sawing wood it might get him standing in the church."—Chicago Daily News.

One cannot help but wonder if some people's admiration for their ancestors would be as enthusiastically reciprocated if the positions were reversed.—Indianapolis News.

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As the other members of the party started to laugh, she said, hurriedly: "O, come enough, it has only two legs. I was thinking it was like a chicken."—Toledo Times.

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